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Clifford Franklin Gessler

Let thy kindness be as a wide white blanket covering all
The brave inglorious futile race of men
Who lift tired eyes ever to sad stars
More desolate
Than the wind-harrowed wastes of ocean,
Whence comes no answer.
And after our futile striving, give us
Peace.

Clifford Franklin Gessler

GOD-LOVER

Who are you?
Why do you hide behind
Your mask—the sun and stars?

The brazen day and
The moon-washed night
Are alms that you give your beggars.

I ask no mendicant's pittance—
I cry for the supreme desolation of your face.

Muriel Safford